



IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for acquiring satellite signals ~~using multiple low noise blocks (LNBs)~~ comprising:

- a) receiving a request to switch from a first LNB to a second LNB;
- b) switching from the first LNB to the second LNB;
- c) recalling from memory a frequency offset value associated with said second LNB;
- d) tuning a ~~tuner~~ frequency ~~to a value~~ for receiving a selected channel with a tuner using the frequency offset value; and
- e) ~~frequency~~ locking said tuner to ~~a signal from~~ said second LNB.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the tuner frequency value comprises a second LNB base frequency plus said frequency offset value.

3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the frequency offset value compensates for frequency drift in the second LNB.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the frequency offset compensates for a frequency adjustment in a satellite transponder.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the frequency offset compensates for a frequency adjustment in a satellite transponder and frequency drift in the second LNB.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising activating the second LNB while tuning said tuner frequency.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the frequency offset for the second LNB is derived from a frequency drift of the first LNB.

8. (Currently Amended) Apparatus for acquiring satellite signals ~~using multiple low noise blocks (LNBs)~~ comprising:

~~a first LNB;~~

~~a second LNB;~~

a tuner coupled to ~~said~~ first and second LNBs;

a memory, coupled to said tuner, for storing a first frequency offset value for ~~said the~~ first LNB and a second frequency offset value for ~~said the~~ second LNB, said tuner being tuned to a frequency using said second frequency offset value and is locked to the second LNB upon switching from the first LNB to the second LNB thus enabling acquisition of a satellite signal.

9. (Previously Amended) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein said tuner comprises a local oscillator having a frequency substantially equal to a base frequency plus either the first or second frequency offset value.

10. (Original) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein the first and second frequency offset values represent the respective frequency drifts of the first and second LNBs.

11. (Currently Amended) The apparatus of claim 8 wherein said first frequency offset value comprises a frequency offset value for each transponder associated with ~~said the~~ first LNB and said second frequency offset value comprises a frequency offset value for each transponder associated with ~~said the~~ second LNB.

12. (Cancelled)